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In re the application of: Charles K. Howard

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION MAILED MARCH 7, 2002

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 7, 2002, the following is enclosed:

- 1. Return Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 2. Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 pg., Executed);
- 3. Duplicate Copy of this transmittal letter for authorization to charge Deposit Account Number 18-1945 in the amount of \$537.00 (\$370.00 for small entity filing fee \$102.00 for excess claim fee and \$65.00 for the late surcharge);
- 4. 18 Sheets of Formal Drawings; and
- 5. Return Postcard.

The undersigned authorizes the charging of any additional fees and crediting of any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Attention Box Missing Parts, Washington, DC 20231 on:

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$102.
 - \$18 for 2 total claims over 20.
 - \$84 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 537.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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